

South Farnborough Infant School

July 2026 Newsletter

Living and Learning in Harmony



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that this is the final newsletter of the academic year. As we reach the end of term, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the amazing learning, trips, visitors and events that have taken place across the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated staff, who work tirelessly to provide such rich and engaging experiences for the children. I would also like to recognise the invaluable work of those behind the scenes who keep the school running so smoothly, including our office team, caretaker and kitchen staff.

A special thank you goes to our fantastic Parents' Association for organising so many successful events and raising funds that have benefitted all of our children.

Of course, the biggest thank you and well done must go to the children. They have worked incredibly hard this year and, at the centre of everything they do, have demonstrated our school values, truly *"Living and Learning in Harmony."*

A particular congratulations to our Year 2 children as they prepare to transition to junior school—we are extremely proud of you and wish you every success for the future.

Please do check the dates below for the upcoming end-of-year celebrations taking place over the coming weeks.

Many thanks,
Mrs Duffy

Important Updates



After an incredible 24 years of service, Mrs Parkes will be leaving us at the end of this academic year to move on to pastures new.

Throughout her time at South Farnborough Infant School, Mrs Parkes has shown unwavering dedication, supporting and caring for hundreds of children and families. She has made a lasting impact on our school community, and her kindness and commitment will be remembered by all who have had the pleasure of working with her.

Mrs Parkes, thank you for your years of service, dedication, and care. You will be greatly missed, and we wish you every happiness in your next chapter.

REMINDER

Please ensure that your child and any siblings do not use the playground apparatus before or after school. This equipment is for use during the school day and requires supervision from a member of school staff.
Thank you.

Important Updates

Parent Questionnaire 2026



Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the end-of-year parent questionnaire. We are delighted that the feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with very high levels of satisfaction across all areas of school life.

My child is happy at school:

96.5% of parents agreed with this statement, including 35% who strongly agreed.

Two parents disagreed; one clarified this reflected wider personal circumstances rather than the school.

My child is safe at school:

100% of parents agreed, with 24.6% strongly agreeing.

My child is doing well at school:

98.2% of parents agreed, including 60% strongly agreeing.

One parent disagreed.

The school communicates effectively with me about my child's learning:

94.7% of parents agreed, with 43.9% strongly agreeing.

Three parents disagreed.

The school communicates effectively about important dates, events and updates:

96.4% of parents agreed, including 68.4% strongly agreeing.

One parent disagreed and one parent strongly disagreed, commenting that there are too many emails.

The school cares about my child's mental health and wellbeing:

98.2% of parents agreed, with 58% strongly agreeing.

One parent disagreed.

Children behave well at school:

98.2% of parents agreed, including 42.1% strongly agreeing.

One parent disagreed.

The school deals effectively with bullying (if applicable):

70% of responses were *not applicable*.

Of those who responded, 30% agreed, including 7% strongly agreeing.

When I have raised concerns, the school has dealt with these in a timely and proper manner (if applicable):

39% of responses were *not applicable*.

Of those who responded, 7% disagreed, with the remainder agreeing, including 32% strongly agreeing.

The school gives children with SEND the support they need to succeed (if applicable):

79% of responses were *not applicable*.

One parent disagreed; the remainder agreed, including 11% strongly agreeing.

I would recommend the school to another parent:

100% of parents agreed, including a very strong 77.2% who strongly agreed.

Parent Questionnaire 2026 – Summary of Feedback

Summary of Strengths



Parents highlighted many strengths of the school and areas they would like to see continue. They particularly value the inclusive ethos, where children are supported to develop at their own pace, alongside the warm, welcoming environment where pupils are greeted personally each day. Parents praised the strong communication between school and home, the visible presence of senior leaders, and the high levels of care and support provided by staff. The range of after-school clubs, enriching visits and engaging events were also well received. Many parents commented on the positive, nurturing atmosphere, the high quality of teaching, and the individualised support for pupils, including those with additional needs.

Summary of Parent Suggestions



A small number of parents suggested areas for further development, including expanding sandwich options, offering opportunities for children to learn a musical instrument, and further recognising positive behaviour. Some parents also expressed a preference for more streamlined communication, including fewer emails, alongside more detailed information at parents' evenings and ensuring reading books are available every day. In response to this feedback, we will review the findings as a staff team, with governors and, where appropriate, with external agencies, to identify if any changes or improvements that can be made. This work will take place during this term, with updates shared at the start of the new academic year.

Reminder: New School Uniform Policy (September 2026)



Please note that from September 2026, our new school uniform policy will be fully in place and **mandatory** for all pupils. Logoed items can be purchased from Brenda's. Non-logoed items can be bought from local supermarkets such as Asda or M&S.

For full details, please click below to view the policy.

<https://www.southfarnborough-inf.hants.sch.uk/uniform>

Important Dates



Wednesday 1st July at 09:30 – Year R Eddie the Penguin Performance for parents (tickets required)

Wednesday 1st July – End year school reports uploaded onto the Arbor portal for parents to view

Wednesday 1st July – New Year R Postponed Stay and Play session 15:30 – 16:00

Thursday 2nd July – Move Up day

Monday 6th to Wednesday 8th July - Usborne book sale after school after school

Monday 6th July – Friday 17th July – New Year R home visits taking place during this window – please check your new starter packs for details

Tuesday 7th July 16:15 to 18:00 – Year 2 Leavers Festival for Year 2 children (party / festival dress code) – please note the children will receive pizza and snacks during the leavers party. NB After school clubs running as usual. If children are attending both they will need to bring clothes to school to change into after the club. Please bring children to the main playground gate to be signed in a 16:15.

Wednesday 15th July at 14:00 – Year 2 Leaver assembly for parents (tickets required)

Thursday 16th July at 09:30 - Year 2 Leaver assembly for parents (tickets required)

Wednesday 22nd July – School finishes at 13:30 / Non-Uniform Day

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Spaces

Due to some families relocating, we now have a small number of spaces available in our current Year 1 class. If you have friends or family members who may be interested, we would be very grateful if you could share this information with them.

For further details or to arrange a visit, please contact the school office.